

**EXECUTIVE
20 JUNE 2023
5.30 - 6.20 PM**



Present:

Councillors Temperton (Chair), Neil (Vice-Chair), Bailey, Bidwell, Gillbe, Jefferies, Purnell and Wright

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 21 March 2023 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record.

3. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

Executive Decisions and Decision Records

The Executive considered the following items. The decisions are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

4. SEND Strategy 2023-2025

RESOLVED that

- i. the progress made on implementing the SEND written statement of action to improve services to children and families and the feedback received from the Department for Education and NHS England relating to the end of January 2023 is noted.
- ii. that the Council has secured £1m through the Government's Delivering Better Value in SEND programme and in its bid to build a new specialist Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) special school in the Borough, to improve further inclusive, local services for children and young people with SEND is noted.
- iii. the release of £350,000 from the Council's corporate contingency included in the 2023/24 budget to fund additional short term staffing capacity within the SEND team is approved to ensure momentum is maintained to deliver the identified service improvements.
- iv. the SEND Strategy 2023 – 2025, that has been developed through close working with professionals, parents, carers and young people is approved to provide a clear direction for the service in the years ahead.

5. **Financial Hardship Action Plan Update**

RESOLVED that

- i. the planned and accelerated initiatives set out in 5.4 are endorsed to address the local cost of living challenges to be delivered within the next three months.
- ii. the Executive commit to reviewing the existing Financial Hardship Action Plan with a report back to Executive in autumn ahead of Winter 2023.

6. **Quarter 4 Council Plan Overview Report**

RESOLVED that the performance of the council over the period from January- March 2023 highlighted in the Overview Report is noted.

7. **Strategic Procurement Plan Opladen Way Development**

RESOLVED that

- i. That the Executive approves this Strategic Procurement Plan (Appendix A) to tender the appointment of a main contractor under a Traditional building Contract to create up to seven new temporary homes.
- ii. The Executive delegates the award of the works contract to the Executive Member for Finance & Business Change in consultation with Executive Director Delivery.

8. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED that pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of item 10 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

9. **Part Refurbishment of Bracknell Leisure Centre**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i. Supports additional investment in the Bracknell Leisure Centre based on Option 2 described in paragraph 5.5 that will secure significant enhancements to the facility to benefit users in addition to meeting the invest to save threshold through an increased management fee payment for the Council, and to enable this.
- ii. Agrees to release section 106 funding allocated to the provision of built sports and recreation

RECOMENDED to Council to approve a Supplementary Capital Approval with the associated borrowing costs already accounted for within the Option 2 figures detailed in recommendation 2.1.